

In the Supreme Court of Iowa

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**Request for Public Comment)
Regarding Proposed Amendments)
to Iowa Court Rule 31.16 for)
Registration of Foreign House)
Counsel)**

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Order

The Iowa Supreme Court Office of Professional Regulation proposes amendments to Iowa Court Rule 31.16 to incorporate provisions governing registration of foreign lawyers as house counsel. Iowa Court Rule 31.16 now governs registration of lawyers not admitted to practice law in Iowa but who are admitted in another United States jurisdiction. The proposed amendments define "foreign lawyer" and would provide a process for foreign lawyers to register as house counsel in Iowa.

The supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed revised rule 31.16 prior to acting further on it. Copies of the proposed rule amendments can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 31.16(2)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by email must be emailed to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state "**foreign house counsel**" in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

The proposed amendments are provided with this order.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2015.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2015.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
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